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WASHINGTON, September 27, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 22 totaled 350,304, up 0.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 0.8 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.6 percent in the West but down 0.6 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 6,594 cars (5.0 percent), while loadings of chemicals were up 1,212 cars (4.4 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 38 weeks of 1990 totaled 12,840,962, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 132,130 trailers and containers for the week ended September 22, up 6.6 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of 1990 was 4,472,156 trailers and containers, 3.7 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 22 totaled 21.3 billion, up 3.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 760.4 billion ton-miles, up 3.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1990	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,123	24,598	-1.9 %	26,849	-10.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,974	1,615	22.2	1,812	8.9
Metallic Ores	15,728	19,937	-21.1	16,089	-2.2
Coal	138,780	132,186	5.0	137,971	.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,005	17,672	-3.8	16,779	1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,740	11,861	-17.9	10,232	-4.8
Grain Mill Products	10,201	9,992	2.1	10,273	-.7
Food & Kindred Products	8,720	8,725	-.1	8,812	-1.0
Primary Forest Products	10,073	10,504	-4.1	10,095	-.2
Lumber & Wood Products	5,878	7,085	-17.0	6,089	-3.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,155	10,252	-.9	10,213	-.6
Chemicals	28,801	27,589	4.4	28,520	1.0
Petroleum Products	5,579	5,145	8.4	5,777	-3.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,506	11,305	-7.1	10,804	-2.8
Coke	5,856	5,791	1.1	5,992	-2.3
Metals & Products	10,200	9,368	8.9	10,556	-3.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,956	19,454	2.6	19,683	1.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,040	8,897	1.6	9,353	-3.3
All Other Carloads	7,989	6,854	16.6	7,265	10.0
Total	350,304	348,830	.4 %	353,164	-.8 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 38 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1990		
	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	350,304	348,830	.4 %	12,840,962	12,695,788	1.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	72,313	73,161	-1.2	2,497,211	2,515,221	-.7
Containers	59,817	50,828	17.7	1,974,945	1,797,371	9.9
Total	132,130	123,989	6.5	4,472,156	4,312,592	3.7
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.3	20.6	3.4 %	760.4	733.9	3.6 %